सूरत हवाई अड्डे का आधुनिकीकरण

* 9. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सूरत हवाई अड्डा इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के विमानों के प्रचालन के अनुकूल नहीं है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे इंडियन एयर-लाइन्स के विमानों के प्रचालन के अनुकूल बनाने के लिए क्या प्रयास किये गये हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री। (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण की सूरत हवाई अडडे, जो कि गुजरात सरकार का है, के विकास की कोई योजना नहीं है ।

Review of the policy of liberalised economy

*10. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether eminent economists con sider that liberalisation of the economy has begun to manifest in the form of steep rise in unemployment in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government would review the said policy in consultation with those economists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Economists have expressed divergent views on the effects of the policy of liberalisation on the economy. While some eocnomists have expressed the view that liberalisation would result in a steep rise in unemployment, others are of the considered opinion that this would result in a faster growth of the economy, and of employment, in the long run. As there is no firm statistical evidence of any perceptible rise in unemployment, besides the usual historical one, the view of some economists as to a steep rise in unemployment after liberalisation could only be the result of their perception of the effects of liberalisation, on the economy in general and on the employment situation in par-ticular.

(b) The Government have repeatedly made it clear that liberalisation of the economy would not result in any signi-cant rise in unemployment as no retrenchment of existing employees would be permitted as a result of the New Economic Policy, though redeployment of the work force may take place in order to meet the requirements of modernisation and restructuring. The Govern-ment have already operationalised the National Renewal Fund to provide assistance for retraining and redeployment of workers as also to provide a social security net to the labour force. Even so. the option of consultations with economists and other eminent citizens is always kept open by the Government in order to correct any adverse effects of the policies.

Assistance for development of Tourism in Karnataka

*11. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rationale behind providing financial assistance to States for development for tourism projects;

(b) whether this has been adhered to in regard to the meagre allocation to Karnataka tourism projects all these years; and

(c) whether Government would consider the infrastructural facilities already available in Karnataka, besides further scope for development of tourism, and sanction crash projects to tap the foreign exchange earning potential to its fullest extent?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL *AVIA TION* AND TOURISM (SHRI